



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For:	SPLINT OR SUPPORT WITH QUICK LOCATION TECHNIQUE		

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION  
OF APRIL 4, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office action dated April 4, 2007 in the above application wherein the pending claims were finally rejected. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith effectively removing the finality of the rejection.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.